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DATE: 5-15-15 (Must be submitted or postmarked by May 18<sup>th</sup> 2015)

TO: Ms. Dana Dean, Associate Director of Mining

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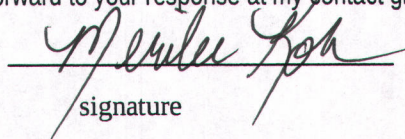
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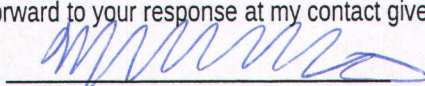
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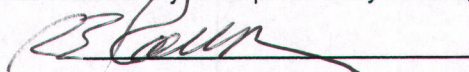
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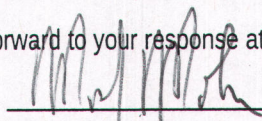
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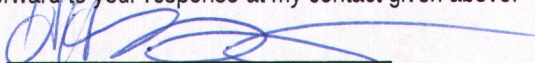
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**PROTEST TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF TAR SAND STRIP MINE EXPANSION:**

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